

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Parker S11217

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Virginia Cumberland County to wit

On this 27<sup>th</sup> [?] day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Cumberland Jesse Parker a resident of the County and State of Virginia who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Corporal Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he is in his 73rd or 74th year he does not know which, that he does not know of any Register of his age, but speaks of his age from what he has been told by his parents. That he is a native of the County of Cumberland and has always lived there except when in the Continental Service to the South, That the first service which he performed was in the militia under Captain John Mosby of Powhatan [County], then Cumberland, in the minute service. That in 1777 or 1778 he enlisted for three years under Captain John Mosby who was a regular Officer in the Continental Army whose Company afterwards marched to the Georgia Troops commanded by Colonel Elbert [Samuel Elbert], that his Captain John Mosby after twelve or eighteen months resigned, and this affiant was thrown into a Company commanded by the late General Litelebury Mosby [Littleberry Mosby] (then a Captain) and attached to Colonel John Pannil's Regiment in the Georgia line upon Continental establishment that he was taken prisoner at Sunbury [Sunbury] about 40 miles South of Savannah and remained a Prisoner with a number of others on board a Prison Ship at Savannah about 5 or 6 months when the opportunity offered and he made his escape from the enemy and got first to the French Army, and from thence to Augusta where after his three years expired he received an honorable discharge from Colonel Richard Parker of the Virginia line upon Continental establishment which discharge he has long since lost.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jesse Parker

The image shows a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. It appears to be the name 'Jesse Parker' written in a fluid, connected style. The first name 'Jesse' is on the left, and 'Parker' is on the right, with a long, sweeping tail on the final 'r'.

State of Virginia Cumberland County to wit

This day John Robinson<sup>1</sup> personally appeared before me William A Cocke a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and made Oath to the following statement of facts. That he the

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<sup>1</sup> This MAY be the same man as [John Robinson S6018](#)

said Robinson is now in the 73rd year of his age, and at that time a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States. That he is a native of the County of Cumberland and has always resided there and has all his life been acquainted with Jesse Parker of the said County who was born in the same neighborhood with this affiant, and now lives within about a mile from him. That some time in or about the year 1777 the said Jesse Parker enlisted in the regular Army for three years under Captain John Mosby – that at the same time that Jesse Parker enlisted, this affiant's brother Hezekiah Robinson also enlisted in the same Company and for the same Term of three years – that they both marched off to the South together with the said Company. That his brother Hezekiah died in Service and never returned. That the said Jesse Parker returned after having been absent between three and four years. That the said enlistment was made by Captain John Mosby at the House of this affiant's Father in the County of Cumberland and in this affiant's presence.

S/ John Robinson

Powhatan County to wit

This day personally appeared before me Jas. S. Smith – a Justice of the peace for said County Wade Mosby<sup>2</sup> and made oath in due form of law to the following statement of facts. That he the said Mosby is a native of Powhatan County formally a part of Cumberland, that he is now a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States, that he has been acquainted with Jesse Parker of Cumberland from early life both being natives of the same part of the Country. That about the year 1777 this affiant's brother John Mosby was an officer in the Continental Army raised a company of regulars in Virginia who mostly enlisted for three years, that in this Company to the best of his recollection and belief Jesse Parker enlisted and marched to the State of Georgia, that his brother John Mosby resigned his commission after about 18 months or two years and the command of said company devolved upon either Lieutenant Jacob Winfrey or this affiant's brother the late General Littleberry Mosby, that Jesse Parker was absent from home and remained in the service in the South as long as this affiant's brother Littleberry Mosby which was three years and upwards as he always understood and believes. That he has often heard his deceased brother the late General Littleberry Mosby speak of Jesse Parker as one of the Soldiers who enlisted in John Mosby's Company in Virginia and performed Service with him to the South. That he cannot speak with more certainty about the said Parker's service, as he did not accompany him but from the concurrent information of all the officers and men who belonged to that detachment he never doubted the fact or heard it questioned by anyone that Jesse Parker had served for three years or upwards in the Continental Army in the South. – That the said Parker has always been known and reputed by his acquaintances as a Soldier of the Revolutionary Army. – And this affiant's information where it is stated upon the information of others was derived from the officers & men themselves who served with the said Jesse Parker. – This affiant all also to state that he lately delivered to a friend the original muster roll of his brother's John Mosby in the said John Mosby's own handwriting upon which the name of the said Jesse Parker was enrolled. That the said Muster Roll<sup>3</sup> has been filed as he has been informed by the

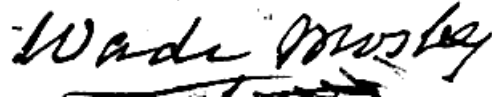
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<sup>2</sup> [Wade Mosby W3856](#)

<sup>3</sup> I believe this muster roll is part of the file of John W. Nash as found online at [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#). Unfortunately, the quality of the images of the muster rolls as posted in that 60-page file is very poor and they do not lend themselves to ready transcription. If anyone has transcribed the muster rolls of Capt. John Mosby's company as found in that file (or elsewhere), please consider sharing those transcriptions for posting in this database.

gentlemen to whom he delivered it in the Executive Department of the State of Virginia.

S/ Wade Mosby

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wade Mosby". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 13th day of November 1833

S/ Jas. S. Smith, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia service.]

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Addendum to Jesse Parker S11217

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 14 Dec 2020.

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Cumberland County to wit

This day Jesse Parker personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for said County and says that he has heretofore made an affidavit in relation to his services in the Continental Army for three years as the foundation for obtaining the Land bounty for that tour of service, and was under the impression that he had stated that he had acted as a Sergeant in said Service, but inasmuch as only the bounty for a private has been allow'd him he has been advised to present to the Executive of Virginia a more distinct expression of the facts of his Service in that capacity than are to be found perhaps in his affidavit before referr'd to. This affiant therefore says that within a few months after his enlistment at Cumberland old Ct. House the troops were ordered on to the South & on their march at Moore old Ordinary [part missing at bottom of page] Sergeant and continued [part missing at bottom of page] Given under my hand this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 1831. Thos Walton JP